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THURSDAY, DECEMBER 1, 1898.

A QUALIFIED SUFFRAGE,

We have received the following letter from the editor of a prominent Virginia paper in the Southside, who has always been, and is, in full accord with the Democratic organization in Virginia.

We do not give his name for the letter is a personal communication and was not intended for publication. But in the interest of the cause, we take the privilege of making its contents public. He BRYS:

Please allow me to congratulate you upon your editorial in to-day's Times under the caption. "Shall the Negro be Distranchised." It is the best and strongest statement of position I have seen any where. It is so near my views I can subscribe to it freely. The only difference is, that I think any white man who has not interest enough in his country, to qualify himself to vote under an educational and property qualification, should not be entitled to vote.

I shall reproduce your article in our next issue with a great deal of pleasure, and will be glad to welcome so able a champlen as The Times, to the ranks of those who desire a constitutional convention.

The united reputation of The Times for honestly and fearlessness will make it a power in behalf of the ideas set forth in the editorial referred to.

The Times has been slow to advocate qualified suffrage in Virginia, for the reason, as we have said, that it is hard to frame such a law without depriving be restricted in the interest of good government and honest elections.

We are not quite clear as to the letter of the law to be enacted. We think that | wealth, there should be some honorable exceptions, but that is a phase of the law that may be discussed hereafter. We insist, however, that it should be an honest law that shall apply fairly and justly to all classes. We are opposed to "understanding clauses," and what not that disfranchise the negro by the indirection of political jugglery and admit other men who do not possess the requisite qualifi-

cations. into consideration is that of a possible reduction of our representation in Congress and the electoral college, in case any considerable number of voters are disfranchised. The question has not been brought in the case of South Carolina or Mississippl and it may be that the restricted suffrage in some of the Northern States may tend to quiet any inimical obtrusion of the subject.

But however that may be, our course is plain. The purification of our polities and the protection of our civilization are far above any mere considerations of a few more, or a few less Congress

The Congressmen will hardly be expected to agree to this, though there are patriotic men who may,

ONE INTEREST FOR ALL.

We copy in full the following editoria article from the Memphis Commercial Appeal, because it contains as many of the victous elements of the politics of the day as anything we recollect to have

seen in some time. It is as follows: For a good many years the leaders of the Democracy have endeavored to per-fect an alliance with the West. It has been a source of wonder that the West and the South have not gotten closer together, as they have much in common. When Cleveland ran for President the last time he secured ninety-eight elec-toral votes from the West, as against toral votes from the West, as against skily-seven for Harrison, and this encouraged the Democratic leaders to think that the West had come into the party to siny. In 1898 Bryan was nominated on a platform which, so far as geographical numinerations were concerned, was distinctly Western, yet he received only sixty-three electoral votes in that section, while McKinley set 185.

while McKinley got 125.

We must confes that we are at a loss to explain the politics of the West. We jan't tell what it means. It went very deran't tell what it means. It went very de-disively for Cleveland when the sliver is-tue was not very pronounced; and it went still more decisively for McKinley when hat issue was at its height. And now in he Congressional elections it goes almost solidly for the Republican party; and but for it that party would have sustained a ligastrous defeat.

Does this mean that the West is more sostile to free silver than is any other section of the country, or is it due to Western enthusiasm over expansion? It | do not hesitate to say that, in our opin-

deavor to meet actual conditions. So far as free silver is concerned it has little to hope for from the North. In that section such gains as the Democrats have made have beer due for the most part to other issues than that of free silver. If silver then is to make headway, it must make it in the West. In the next Congress the Republicans will have a good working majority and they will be compelled to make a change in the financial system in the direction of absolute gold monometallism.

The West is apparently satisfied with The West is apparently satisfied with the present financial system and prefers it to free coinage of silver at 16 to 1, if elections are a criterion. It remains to be seen whether that section of the country will practically accept absolute gold mo-nometallism, or whether it will rebel in favor of the free coinage of both metals at the usual ratio.

Why should any one want to see a union between the South and the West East? This is not a country of sections one set of interests and one line of policy, while another has a different set of interests and a different line of policy. It can be heard, is one broad land extending from the Atlantic ocean to the Pacific ocean and is one law for all, one language for all, and over which one flag floats as the all. The South has no interests that are common to the West and hostile to those of the East. Her interest is to have one standard of value for the whole country one standard of weights and measures absolute freedom of intercourse between the States and with foreign States, and perfect freedom to all men to use their lease. That is the interest of the South that is the interest of the East, that is the interest of the West, and the men who argue in any part of the country that there is a section there which has some

at large. White rule being conceded, for that, o course, supersedes all things, we should be glad if we never again heard of "the interests of the South." The interests of the South are the interests of the nation, and her highest interest is to see the natio at peace and prosperous, with one rul in general matters for all parts of the nation, while each locality is left to provide for the special administration of the local affairs of that locality.

special interest antagonistic to any one

of these ideas, are inimical to the best

Interest of their country, and, in fact,

enemies of the very section in which they

discourse as well as of the whole country

VIRGINIA UPHOLDS THE LAW.

The Baltimore Sun of yesterday cor

Two weeks ago James Webster (color ed) committed a shocking assault on a estimable lady of Bedford City, Va. Th fiend in human form was arrested and hurried off to the Lynchburg jail in order o prevent his lynching by the indignant dizens of Bedfori City and county. Yes-erday Webster was taken to Bedford lity and tried in the County Court, the orderly way, and it is to be hoped that the judgment of the law may be per-

In the same connection it is proper to emphasize the fact that the Patrick county lynchers have been indicted by tried in a court of justice for their oftheir vote. But we must deal with con- also the fact that the people of Patrick ditions as we find them and the conclu- | county are determined that there shall sion has been forced upon us that in all be no act of mob violence in that comnities where there is a large negro | munity without bringing the members attice to an swer for their crimes. We do devoutly thank God for these evidences of respect for law and order in this old Common

NO FORCE BILL.

It is political gossip in Washington that President McKinley in his forthcoming message to Congress will refer to the recent riots in North and South Carolina and perhaps make some recommendations It is also said that if the President ignore the matter, it will be brought up in the Senate by Mr. Pritchard, of North Carolina, who will ask for the appointment of a special committee to investigate the recent disturbances in his State, and reto prevent a recurrence. It will be recalled that President McKinley while a member of Congress voted for the notorious force bill, and it is therefore in forred that he will probably make some such recommendation to Congress.

We do not believe it. To say nothing dse, we believe that the President has oo much sense and is too good a politicial to revive that iniquitious measure. To do so would be not only to stir the South to its depths, but the President will as certain that the sentiment throughout the North and West against negro domination and the force bill is stronger to-day than ever before in the history of this country The whites are in no humor for mixed chools, force bills and the like and if Mr. McKinley wants to seal his doom politi-cally let him revive this old scandal.

THE POSTAL SYSTEM.

Representative Moody, of Massachu setts, said in Washington the other day that he believed that the Postal Commis sion, of which he was a member, will pay its expenses many times over in the saving which it will effect in the postal business of the nation in a number of minor

details. Here is a confession by a congressman that the postal system has not been conducted as economically as it should have been, and that by making changes here and there a great deal of money will be saved. Those who believe in government control of railroads, telegraph lines and all that, frequently refer to the Postoffice Department as an argument in favor of their scheme, but it is a notorious fact that this Department has never been conducted upon strictly business principles, has never been conducted as any private corporation would have conducted it, and that it has never paid operating expenses.

There is no reason to believe that the government would operate the railroads of the country any more successfully and the patronage of the Postoffice Department has ever been and ever will be a source of trouble to the government. We

behooves the leaders of the Democracy to study the situation carefully and endeavor to meet actual conditions. So far if the operation of this Department were if the operation of this Department 'scre committed to a private corporation, under certain regulations of government.

WE ANSWER A QUESTION.

Our esteemed contemporary, the Salem (Va.) Sentinel, says that we would confer a favor upon it by answering our contemporary's question, "Why not Bryan in 1900?"

The Sentinel has doubtless observed a parade with banners, marching through the streets and preceded by a banci of music. It is a magnificent spectacle and rivets the gaze as long as the barners are in sight and holds the attention as long as the music is sounding clear. But as the men march on the spectacle grows dimmer and the music becomes fainter any more than betwen the South and the on the circumambient air, until by and by the whole array is awallowed up in the in which one geographical division has dim distance, the strains of music are lost to the ear, and nothing but the thump, thump of the great bass drum

"All things have but a time, love, all things have but a time," says the old from Canada to Mexico, in which there | song. There are some very attractive things in this world that appear for a little while, and when their day of grace emblem of the common nationality of is done, "trembling, pass in music out of sight.

Is our contemporary answer

The British cup defender "Shamrock," the designer says, will be "all Irish, and, of course, therefore, a corker.

The Director of the Mint predicts gold output of \$253,000,000 in 1898. What's the matter with the free and unlimited coinage of gold?

Portugal is embarrassed financially and has a crown worth \$5,000,000 for sale. Now. let Don Carlos and Mrs. Dominis come to the froit.

A Pennsylvania town has a new paper called The Tornado, but this is not necessarily another plum tree shaking enter-

Anyhow, Hobson was the original expansion man with his air bags.

The cattle king of Kansas, who is fice ing to Spain took off a large chunk of proseprity with him. Hobson has returned to his class at the

Annapolis Naval Academy, and thus the air is gradually getting out of the windbags except at the corner grocery.

The Cuban debt offers a rare opportunity for some Napoleon of Finance.

Now that the United States has bought the Philippines, Aguinaldo might get a job as the open-doorkeeper.

France has a battleship named Dupuy de Lome, and it is safe to bet that there is a screw loose in her somewhere.

At the christening of the Wiscopsin young lady faunched a lengthy poem but failed to put enough tallow on the lines to make them glile off without

We hardly thought that he would do it, but Cervera has come out in an "Itold-you-so'v letter to Spain.

It is thought that Sagasta can quel all disturbances at Mmirid by rattling that \$20,000,000 at the mob.

ments that the Indiana natural gas supply is out and that she will send a dis lect poet to the Senate.

The season of church fairs is upon us, and every time the kettle sings we have a "musical tea."

The had gas is getting quite a blowing And line on line in coming days

General Walker is probably trouble with electrolysis from overcharged po litical wires.

The bright young men on the yellow journals have about completed McKinlev's message

regard with favor the gallant charge on the treasury by the Second Regiment.

An Indiana judge recently refused to allow an attorney to present a case in verse. This precedent may be brough out in the service of Assistant District Attorney Flanagan. Proof Now.

To prove his love, in days of old,
He fought in lists, with clashing steel,
But now he lets his Dulcinea's
Little brother ride his wheel, -Detroit Journal

The famous Hooley failed to get British baronetey for \$250,000. If would only come to this country he con get a full coloneley on a source.

Deliverance. The poor, tired father, now. His voice in thanks uplifts For the twins are slumbering both at

They used to sleep in shifts. —Detroit Journal.

Reverie of a Bachelor. A baby is a joy to its mother, an hel to its father, a charge to its nurse, a sou to the clergyman who baptises it, a nes

biological specimen to the physician, a new customer to the shopkeeper, and a

isance to the neighbors.--Zangwill Suspicions

Mr. Borum.—"Here, Martha, is a book I got to-day. It's a religious novel and is creating a great sensation." Mrs. Borum—"My goodness, hurry and hide it, then, so the children won't get hold of it."—Chicago News.

To be Avoided.

If you call a woman "well-preserved,"
She'll say it's so herself;
But you mustn't tell her you mean the
kind That's put "upon the shelf."

-Philadelphia Bulletin.

Quite Another Thing. She You say that he and another Chi-cago man have a wager as to which one will marry her? He-No; as to which one will marry her as to which one will marry her

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Can I help you? Are you looking for anything special. Visitor (absently)-No, thank you, was only looking for my wife. -Library

A Rapid Mover.

"Did you get the baby's picture?"
"Yes, but the photographer couldn' ake him; we had to go to a kintoscoper."

A Definition. Professor Wigwag—What is a savage? Willie Winkle—One who does not pos-ess the benefits of civilization. Professor Wigwag-And what is civili-

Willie-The art of concessing the fact that one is a savage.-Baltimore American.

A Fragment,

A trusting little leaf of green, A bold andacious frost, A rendezvous, a kiss of two, And youth forever lost. Ah me. The bitter, bitter cost!

A flaunting patch of vivid red That quivers in the sun,
A winey gust, a grave of dust—
The little race is run.
Ah me,
Were that the only one!
—Ella Wheeler Wilcox in Truth.

No Time for Study,

And you may see them there

The foot ball season's at an end,

The foot ball season's at an end, Still books neglected lie; the glee clubs now are practicing For their innings by and by. —Cleveland Leader.

The Man Who Returned,

"Ah, you send me away te-day," he cried,
"But I will come back again,
When the world is applauding the work And you will accept me then.

So he left her there and journeyed forth, And as he struggled away He thought of the slender maid back

Who should be his own some day And, at last, the world began to ap-

plaud; He had played for a stake and won, And women said flattering things to him Concerning the work he had done. The summer had waned and the autumn

Had begun to softly blow, When the man who had striven and wor For the maid that he used to know.

For a maiden fair he played the game. For her he won-to-day He wonders how he ever came To care for her anyway.

-Chicago News.

L'ENVOL

Life's Sunset. Lift up glad eyes from sordid things; Lo! beauty flames afar! Before the sunset glory pales

The autumn dyes have touched the hills

The supper rays in rapture blaze

o! gorgeous draperies decli Withdrawn by Holy Night

The War Department does not seem to regard with favor the gallant charge on the treasury by the Second Regiment.

So, be my sun's decline at last, When mortal strife is o'er, To rise in radiancy of hope On life's immortal shore.

Boston Transcript,

AFTERMATH.

Two girls at the Jacob. Tome Institute, it Eikton, Md., have resigned because he instructor in physical culture insistd upon their wearing divided skirts instead of bloomers.

Fred W. Ganther, champion bleyele rider of Northern New York, killed himself at Pamelia on Tuestay last, dying by the corpse of his wife. He was tweny-two years of age and had been married

A number of witnesses left Dover, Del., on Tuesday for California to testify in

The switchman and engineer who were in charge of the train of coal cars which were run into the Excler shaft at Wilkes Barre, killing nine men, have been ar-rested and will be tried for violating the mine ventilation laws.

Contracts for 500,000 tons of steel rails have been made in the last three days by the Federal Steel Company and Carnegie, says the New York World. Among the orders are 75,000 tons for the Chicago and Northwestern, \$5,000 tons for the St. Paul, 50,000 tons for the Illinois Central and 500 tons for the eighteen-mile road in Hawaii. The price is understood to be \$15 a ton, and advance over last summer's low record price of \$17.50. In 1867 the price was \$165; in 1874, \$14; in 1889, \$15.50. \$67.50; in 1885, \$28.50; in 1886, \$34.50, and in 1893, \$29.

It is said that the Keely motor man left an insurance of \$100,000.

A shrewd fellow in Chicago has been annoying General Joe Wheeler by forg-

Nothing in Particular.

Library Assistant (to visitor who is wandering about in a puzzled manner)—

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In Solins in the Station except for State purposes, and therefore at par are equal about to a 51-2 per cent. bond. The bids ranged from 106.25 to 108.21. The issue was subscribed fifteen times over.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

Mrs. Grey Skipwith's handsome parlor presented a peculiarly aliuring condition of affairs last evening. From 8 to 10 Miss Sue Skipwith, the young daughter of the house, entertained her girl friends at progressive euchre. At 10 o'clock the at progressive euchre. At progressive gentlemen came, and a sumptuous supper, including all the season's delicacies, was beautifully served. No invitations were issued to married people. The house is spate. issued to married people. The house is one which lends itself readily to what-ever is beautiful in floral or other deco-ration. The vivid scarlet hangings, the light from the chandellers, the ros carnations, delicate ferns and dark leav-ed palms, made beautiful setting for the fresh faces and graceful figures, each in effective evening dress, and the light laughter, as the game proceeded, sound-ed delightfully festal. Mrs. Skipwith as-sisted her daughter in welcoming her guests. She were reliow crepe du chene, the toilette being in charming tasts. Miss Skipwith's costume was admirably suited to her youth and general style. It was of delicately tinted pink silk-al-

indeed, that elusive tint of the sea-

It was of delicately tinted pink silk—almost, indeed, that elusive tint of the seashell's lining.

Three prizes were given, the first being a handsome piece of Sevres chima; the second, a silver mounted whisk brush, and the consolation, a shoe horn.

Those present were: Missess Tunstall, of Washington; Stokes, Rogers, Mary Williams. Edna Forbes, Julia Morton, Harris, Hattle Ross, Urquhart, Watkins, Young, Stringfellow, Christian, Pegram, Hayes, Hartz, Davenport, Atkinson, Bessie Pace, Florsie Talbott, Kate Buford, Margaret Branch, Eleanor Bosher, Delia Tompkins, Shleids, Deane, Annie Drewry, Plorence Parker, Maria Moseley, Cameron, Annie Leigh Camm, Bruce Williams, Lily Hill, Mary Howard, Guy, Beirne, Gabriella Page, Walker, Meredith, Cocke, Notting, Carmichael, Bagby, Weddell, Werth, Spillman, English, Grant, Anderson, Alfriend, McIntire, Tatum, Donnan, Lewis, Wellford, Morgen, Chisholm, De Saussure, Holladay, Byrd, Waddill, Jackson, Gray; Messrs, Charles Antrim, William H, Paimer, Allan Talbott, Campbell, Holladay, Alfriend, Dill, Young, Williams, Baskerville, Carter, Stern, Rutherfoord, Page, McKenney, Leake, Gibson, Dr. Miller, McDonnid, Ferguson, Galnes, Davenport, Gray, E. C. Mayo, Anderson, Noland, Myers, Nolting, Reld, Dr. Bosher, Marye, W. S. P. Mayo, Blair, Johnston, Blanchard, Davis, Sheppard, Willy, Harrison, Young, Morton, Lewis, Bolling, Walker, Valentine, Young, Ellerson and Perrin.

At noon yesterday a meeting of the committee representing the Associated Hospitals was held at the Retreat for the Sick. The object of the meeting was the Sick. The object of the grand the discussion of plans for the grand "Ben Hur," spectacular pantomime, "Ben which is to be presented at the Mozart December 5th and 7th. The pantomine one hundred and twenty-five partici-pants, taken from the fasilionable cir-cles. These will be under the careful training of Mr. Hamilton, the efficient director, from this time until that of presentation.

The enterialnment is an entire novelty here, and for that reason, if for no other, is certain to command wide interest. The Detroit Free Press is one of a score of papers which have given it un-

qualified praise. It says:
"The pantimimic representation and semi-dramatization of General Lew Wallace's celebrated story of 'Ben Hur' at-tracted one of the largest and most appreciative audiences of the season to the ormance, which was in every way con produced. The thread of the novelist's story is followed with a fidelity and charm that is irresistible, all references to the ultra sacred character of the story being carefully expunged, so that even a suspicion of possible irreverence may be avoided. The theme and paste-mimic tale are each pre-eminently pleas-ing, and numerous drills and marches executed with surprising skill and presion contribute to the marked success the performance. Many of the stage pictures, framed in gorgeous and hand-some settings, are beautiful in the exreme and arouse a pleasant flottering a the region of the heart and flood the drendy captivated mind with a mellow and crimson-haed light. Chaste and charming fittingly describe 'Ben Hur'

then other language fails."

Aside from the beauty and intrinsic nterest of the entertainment, its objects are admirable, the Committee of Direction, of which Mrs. Charles Bosher is the capable chairman, representing five hospi-tals—the Shertering Arms, Old Dominion. Virginia, Retreat, and the Eye and Ear Infirmary.

At noon yesterday a meeting of the Confederate Memorial Society was held. Mrs. Joseph Bryan presiding. There was an excellent attendance. Mrs. Norman Randolph, who represented both the Richmond Chapter, United Daughters of the Confederate Memorial Society, at the recent convention in Hot Springs, Ark, gave an interesting report of her visits in the interests of the Museum to Knayville, Chattanoora, and Memorials Knoxville, Chattanooga, and Memphis At each of these cities she was accorde a cordial hesiring, and revelved promise to send relics to the Museum. In Mem phis she was given a reception, and wa introduced to her audience by Mrs. Hen derson Keller, regent for Tennessee. Or this occasion a committee was formed to co-operate in enlisting interest in the "White House of the Confederacy." It was reported that miniatures of Miss Winnie Davis, as a child and as a young late Mrs. Margaret Strother Smith, fo wears the zealous and efficient treasurer of the society, presenting to the Museum a sofa used in the Executive Mansion during the war era. He tendered the gift as a memorial to his mother, than shom the society has never had a mor beloved or valuable member. It is need-less to say with what appreciation the letter was heard. The annual meeting of the society will be held at eleven or the society will be held at eleven or clock on December 6th. At this meet-ing officers will be elected for the en-suing year, and reports of vice-regents and committees will be presented. At this time, also, Mr. Frank M. Parker, Jr., will present to the Museum a por-trait of his father, Colonel Frank M. Parker, Sr., who is the oldest Confed-Parker, Sr., who is the oldest Confederate now living in North Carolina. Dr. J. Allison Hodges will be invited to make

the society. Cards are out announcing the wedding of Mr. Joseph Plunkett Brady and Miss Martha Ann Bragg, at 5:30 o'clock, December 14th, at 189 High street, Petersburg ,Va. Mr. Brady is a son of Colonel James D. Brady, and is the clerk of the United States District Court. His prospective bride is one of Petersburg's most convenient of the Court of the C accomplished and charming young ladies.

the speech of acceptance on behalf of

A meeting of the Board of Managers of the Woman's Christian Association was called for 4 o'clock yesterday, important business being on hand. In the absence of a quorum, however, it was impossible to transact it, and another meeting will shortly be called.

The New York Sinking Fund Commission opened bids Tuesiay for \$1,225,000 thirty-year 21-2 per cent, bonds and thirty-year 2 1-2 per cent, bonds and 500,000 ten-year 3 1-2 per cent, bonds of the city of New York, principal and interest payable in gold. The bonds are very desirable as an investment by trusters of estates, trust companies and saving banks in the State, as they are exempt from all taxation except for State.

room; the Presbyterian Booth a post-effice. The character of the Catholic Booth has not yet been decided upon.

The Executive Mansion, through the highly-appreciated courtesy of Mrs. J. Hoge Tyler, will be turned over to the Junior Auxiliary for the Home for Incurables to-morrow evening, when that charming organization will give an elaborate and delightful tea. The members of the axuiliary are all well known and admired in the fashionable life of the city, and they will constitute the receiving party. In the afternoon the musical details, which are beautiful, will be directed by Miss Louise Williams and Miss Dillard. At night the following names appear on the programme:

Miss Mamie Lee, Richmond, plane.

Mr. Willis DuBois Pulver, New Yorkcornet.

Mrs. William Slyke, Philadelphia, reci-

Miss Sweeney, vocal teacher at We-man's College, from West Virginia, vocal

Miss Vass, of South Carolina, elecution Miss Vass, of South Caronia, electronic teacher at Woman's College, recitation.

Miss Bentley, of the New England Conservatory of Music, Boston, planist; teacher of instrumental music at Woman's College.

SOUTHERN NOTES.

Clippings of More or Less Interest from Dixie Newspapers.

MONTGOMERY, Nov. 28 .- Senator Jen kins to-day introduced in the Senate a bill providing for a vote in the State at the election in August, 1899, to determine whether the State shall hold a constitu-

The Jenkins bill provides for the holding of the convention in September, 1850, and for the election of the members of the convention at the election in August,

the convention at the election in August, when voting on the question of convention or no convention.

The opposition against a convention comes very largely from the white counties of the State, many of the members from these counties having picked themnelves to their constituents to oppose the measure. The members from the black measure. The members from the black measure. measure. The members from the black counties are making strong arguments in the convention's favor, and gaining ground. There are many nemebrs who oppose a convention fearing an increase in the tax rate. To offset this opposition a resolution will likely be passed in connection with the bill, memorializing the taxation. Such a resolution would not, of course, be binding on members of the convention, but it would doubters have great weight with them.—Hirminghum

MACON'S PROHIBITION FIGHT. The prohibition campaign at Macon is, eveloping sensations says a correspon-Messrs, Alex. Block, Sam Altmayer, R.

C. Ritteihouse and a few other anti-have been slanderously cartooned by some The gentiemen thus attacked are out for revenge and some presecutions may soon result. How far reaching they will be remains to be seen, but it is thought some prominent citizens are at least in-

cence to the prohibition campaign. At the time they protest against crusade. The Antis were charged with packing the meeting. To-day the chamber was in duced to take no part in politics. A PLOCK OF LOCUSTS.

At Dalkeith, Fla., an immense flock scusts came out of the swamp border on the Chipola river about three-quart of an hour before sunset Thursday, a continued flying south for twenty a utes. After that they returned back b

Dennis McLaurin, a colored man, died this week in the upper part of this county, in his lolat year says a Remettsvile (S. C.) special. He and his wife remain-ed on the old homestead of anti-bellum days until their former owner died a few

MORE THAN A HUNDRED.

years ago. Dennis was a life-time Democrat, voted the Democratic ticket immediately after the war and continued to do so until his death. He were a red shirt in 1876, and was color-hearer of the red in 1876, and was color-hearer of the shirt company of his township, and me tained the respect and confidence of white neighbors, many of whom atten-his burial. Those old-time negroes rapidly disappearing, and one thing is ticeable, the ante-bellum servants seldom connected with race troubles; are grady seen in the confirst as defe are rarely seen in the courts as defen

MEMPHIS Nov. 21.—Senator Bate was asked to-day by The American's correspondent about the report from Nashville that he would have opposition when the next legislature meets, and expressed as uneasiness as to the outlook.

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"I have seen the dispatch referring to the probable candidacy of Judge Child-ress," said the Sonator. "The statement as to the number of members is not cor-rect, but as far as the candidacy of Judge Childress is connected. I heard of it only yesterday morning, and then as a rumor. "I thought the senatorial matter in our "It thought the senatorial matter in our State was virtually settled, and think I is now. I base my bellof upon the fact that more than sixty-sixty-three, as now recollect—Democrats elected to the incoming legislature have ben instruct by the conventions that nominated the in their respective counties to yout me. This estimate includes two or the senators and as many floaters who w instructed by some, but not every coin their districts. Besides these sthree instructed Democratic mem elect, there are twenty-four, as them, who have written me perso ters or have called to see me at d times and said to me personally that the favored my re-election to the Senate an intended to vote for me.—Nashvill American,

Quality of the Gas.

Editor of the Times:

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